

Figure 1 Tuscadora Fertilizer Company

A121-1 |AF/W 6 PC * Armour Fertz. Works Baltimore, MD
 It was a pleasure to find the letter and contract enclosed. Knowing of John Lyding's interest in Baltimore City commercial covers, I asked him what he could turn up about the company or location. Unfortunately, he was not of much help, other than to tell me that:

- Calvert is a relatively common name in Maryland and it often used in businesses. This stems from the founders, the Calvert and Crossland families. It is their coat of arms that appear on the Maryland flag.
- There is a Calvert Street in Baltimore. But John has not been able to locate the "Calvert Building."
- There is no relationship, but The Baltimore Philatelic Society's Club House is located in a "row-house" in the 1200 block of North Calvert Street.

In any event, it is my theory that the Tuscadora Fertilizer Company was a distributor of Armour products and barring any evidence to the contrary I suggest that Tuscadora be added to the list of supplemental users listed in the catalog's appendix. The company's Letter Head and Bill Head are shown on page 38.

A121-1 - Subsidiary User

Robert Szymansky (L145)

I saw the Tuscarora Fertilizer Company cover (Figure 1) and noted that the user did not match the entry in The Catalog of United States Perfins by the Baloughs. The city matches, but that's about the only correlation with the catalog entry of:

this one in the collection of Joe Laura, Jr. (#1238). Well Harry, perhaps there are not many blocks of four \$5.00 stamps around, but how about this block of nine \$5.00 (see Figures 2 and 3 to the right) punched with the "NCB" of New York's National City Bank. That is perfins pattern N44 which can be distinguished from pattern N43 by measuring the height of the letters -- 4.5 mm vs 4



Figure 2 - Bob's Block of Nine

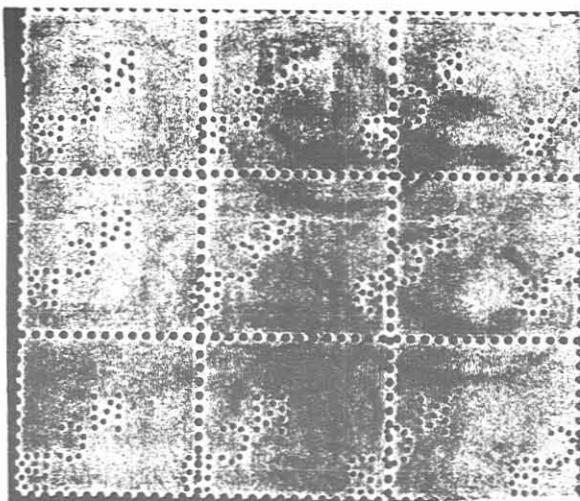
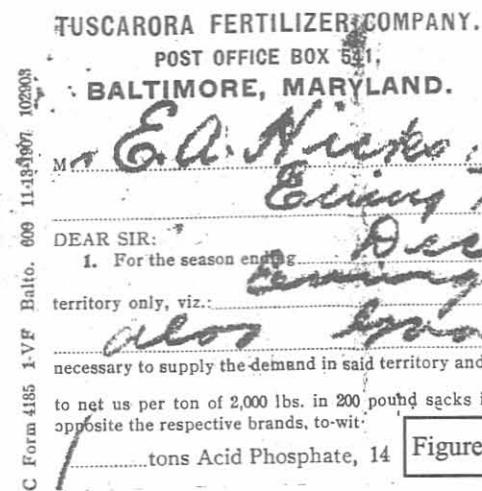


Figure 3 - Back of the Block



AGENTS CONTRACT
FERTILIZERS

BALTIMORE, MD.

57

9/2

190

at \$ per ton

Figure 2 Billhead of Tuscarora Fertilizer Company



POST OFFICE BOX 541

TUSCARORA FERTILIZER COMPANY,

FERTILIZERS AND FERTILIZER MATERIALS

867 CALVERT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.,

September 12th, 1910.

Figure 3 Letterhead of Tuscarora Fertilizer Company